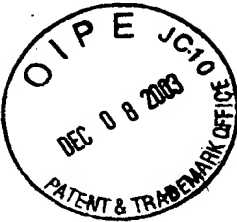


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On December 9, 2002, Applicant received a status update (copy enclosed) from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in response to Applicant's Status Letter of November 20, 2002. The update indicated that the above-identified application would be examined in approximately 0 to 3 months from the date of the update (i.e., March 3, 2003).

As of this date, Applicant has not received an office action relating to the above-identified patent application. Applicant therefore requests a status report be provided for the above-identified patent application.

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